

### III. Amendments to the Abstract

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#### ABSTRACT

#### **~~"A SEAT-BELT ARRANGEMENT"~~**

A seat-belt arrangement including an energy-absorbing force limiter. A first component, for example in the form of a retractor reel spool (5) is movable relative to a second component, for example the frame-work (1) of the retractor. The spool (5) carries with it elements (10) presenting friction faces which co-operate with further elements (9) carried by the frame (1). A stack (14) of Piezo-electric elements apply a compressional force driving together the elements having the friction faces to provide a controlled frictional energy-absorbing effect.